

**MARKED-UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

1. In a decorative structure including at least two suspended elements, a support assembly comprising the following:
  - a support tube having a hollow interior and opposed end portions;
  - a pair of securing elements, each of the securing elements ~~being~~ including slits in the end portions of the support tube located on a respective end portion of the support tube; and
  - a flexible, elongate support element secured to the respective end portions of the support tube by the securing elements, the elongate support element having two ends, each of the ends being adapted for attachment to a suspended element of the decorative structure.
  
7. A support assembly according to claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the support tube is fabricated from a transparent material.